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Kansas, from one end to the other has been covered with sleet and snow during the past couple of days. Presumably next year's wheat crop has been "saved" for the first time.

"Why doesn't Hon, Stubbs demand more Christmas presents for the dear children, and beat Santa Claus out of some of his popularity?" asks the Atchison Globe. Maybe he will. There's plenty of time yet.

Evidently Governor Stubbs, William Allen White and a few others have returned to the fold. Attorney General Jackson announced recently that "machine" forces are endeavoring to get him into the congressional race in the newspapers, magazines and periodthe Fourth district.

If a large part of the charges made by newspapers in connection with the sugar frauds is true, it becomes evident that Mr. Roosevelt could have had some excellent hunting for big game without leaving these shores, thinks the Wall Street Journal.

President Zelaya has ignored the note of Secretary Knox severing the diplomatic relations between the United States and Venezuela, but he alo has been forehanded enough to have a vessel ready for immediate Apparently he is discerning enough to see the handwriting on the

If Mr. Meyer, the secretary of the navy, has his way, the United States will keep its foot well to the front in which is so popular these days with the major nations of the earth. would like to have congress authorize the construction of two more gigantic battleships of the all-big gun type.

The Duke of the Abruzzi is to visit the United States in the early spring rould probably make a bigger his with the people of this country.

If the fly is swatted out of exis tence, a leading New York physician declares that two years will be added to the average span of each human life in this country by the elimination of the transmission of disease by flies. Keep on swatting the fly then even if most of the activities in this line will have to be mind work for the next few months.

Topeka merchants are urging their patrons to do their Christmas shopping early and every one of them should take the friendly hint. Don't forget to buy Red Cross Christmas stamps, either. Each one purchased will mean another nail for the coffin which is being prepared to plant the dread tuberculosis in a final resting

A Michigan man was sentenced re cently to five years' imprisonment for stealing a pair of shoes of the value of \$1.75. Not so many days ago number of men who were convicted in Oregon of stealing land in the public domain were let off with fines which they were quite able to pay without embarrassment. Commen would appear to be unnecessary on in the United States.

Cotton mills in the Philippine Islands are going to be forced to suspend operations. The reason is as signed to the fact that the price of cotton has reached a figure in New importation to the Far East impracticable. Somebody, though, is likely to bob up with the announcement this condition of affairs has developed be cause of misrule on the part of the United States. That would be quite as sensible as many of the alleged anti-imperialistic arguments.

Governor John F. Shafroth of Colo rado, told a New York city audience the other day that woman's suffrage will become universal in this country and right soon. That day will not be hastened, though, if women advocates of equal rights follow the sugurged them to throw stones and in dulge in the other forms of rowdvism which have placed the English enthusiasts on this subject in such an unenviable light. But, then, the American women are too sensible to follow any such advice.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. An economical administration governmental affairs is the keynote of he first annual message of President

Taft. nake important matters before the public subjects of special messages to congress today's message is disappoint-ing to that extent. He reserves a number of big quest'ons for special treat-

manding speedy solution. These include the matters pertaining to the created by the new law has had time anti-trust laws, the interstate commerce laws and the laws relative to information on which new tariff leg-the conservation of the great natural islation should be based. He does not resources of the nation which have been despoiled in the past and will be despoiled in the immediate future unesa congresa soon passes remedia! legislation

Associated with these questions are what have been tormed the famous 'Roosevelt policies," and the natural expectation was that Mr. Taft would take the first opportunity to deliver his opinions on them inasmuch as Mr. Roosevelt announced that he considered Mr. Taft better able than himself to work out the details of putting these policies in effect in an adequate and just fashion. But although President Taft had little or nothing to say about them in his message of today, he has not forgotten them and he promises congress to handle them individually in special messages of the future. That but it is full of sense. will no doubt be quite satisfactory, but the country was expecting a discussion of them in the present message and their omission makes the doc-

ument disappointing. Even with these things eliminated, though, the message falls far short of being uninteresting. The president demonstrates that he has ideas of his own on bettering the governmental administration and he is not afraid to advocate matters which he knows will be received without very much acclaim in

congressional and other quarters. For instance he calls the postal rate of one cent a pound for second class mail matter "an enormous subsidy to icals" and he thinks that congress should increase this rate especially on magazines and periodicals. Presumably Collier's Weekly will view this suggestion as an attempt on the part of President Taft and the members of his cabinet to get square with it for its attacks directly on Mr. Ballinger, the secretary of the interior, and thereby indirectly on the Taft administration. Nor will this suggestion set consistently with the newspapers which are so frantically opposed to governmental subsidizing of American shipbuilding They will sit up nights figuring out arguments to insist that the loss to the government out of handling the second class mail matter which Mr. Taft places at \$63,000,000 a year cannot be construed as a "subsidy" to the newspapers and the magazines as Mr. Taft says it is. This suggestion of the president's for

increasin- the rate on second class mail the great universal peace movement is made for the purpose of cutting out the annual postal deficit. He might also have suggested that aid in bringing about such a condition of affairs could be secured through a curtailmen' of the franking privilege which is indulged in so extensively by members of congress and governmental departments. It is a well known fact that this privilege is scandalously abused.

ular appropriations made to meet it should be foisted indirectly on the people by asking them to make postoffice department self-sustaining through increased postal rates. Possibly the second class postal rate should be increased in some instances and for fulfilled. the more bulky publications but there could be a paring down of the posta! deficit in other ways.

Another plan of the president's which will not set well with everybody calls for the establishment of a system or civil pensions for the support of the much talked of "equality" of law effective and economical and he does

York and London which makes its that of economy in expenditures and

one of Mrs. Pankhurst, one of for the Panama canal because that is igland's "militant" ruffragettes. She r.et by bond issues, a plan favored by

cut by \$38,000,000 and the new naval program is limited entirely to a request for two new battleships and one repair ship. In cutting down govern-mental expenditures in this fashion Mr. Because the president has decided to Taft is doing a great work for his countrymen which will make his administration a memorable one, if it

deesn't accomplish much else. Although Mr. Taft has stated that he believes the woolen schedule of the tar-iff law to be indefensible there will be

A horse always looks like he feel more or less insulted when he's hitch-ea up with a mule.

Nearly all of the beauty of today, especially as to feminine complexions, is not even skin deep.

About the easiest way to flatter a woman is to tell her she looks several years older than she is.

wishing four months ago for wintry weather are now shouting the loudest for the good old summer time. Continuing the hunt for old fashion ed folks, what has became of the per-rons who were always offering pennies for their friends' thoughts?

JAYHAWKER JOTS

There is no reason why this bill courier, which will then be double present size and carrying its daily message to twenty thousand happy and prosperous citizens each evening. That's the way to talk. It breathes the spirit of the great men who have made Kansas what she is. Here's hoping that Ed's expectations are more than totalled.

QUAKER MEDITATIONS

[From the Philadelphia Record.] It's when a fellow is full to the brim hat he is apt to talk through his hat. If a man is as young as he feels it eems a pity he doesn't always look

KANSAS COMMENT

THE WEST AND TAFT. Samuel G. Blythe, one of the most distinguished and keenest Washingdistinguished and keenest Washington correspondents, has just concluded a tour of the United States for the Saturday Evening Post. He traveled in all of the states visited by President Taft on his recent trip and stopped at most of the cities where the president spent any considerable amount of time. He talked There is but the merest mention in it of several of the most important of the public questions which are de-

thinks the tariff question should be left untouched until the tariff board created by the new law has had time to do its work and get some exact information on which new tariff legislation should be based. He does not think this time will arrive for two or three years.

Ship subsidies, postal savings banks, the creation of a federal bureau of health and various other matters are advocated by the president. He would also have a commission created to inalso ha advocated by the president. He would also have a commission created to investigate the law's delay and make suggestions for a reform of court procedure which will hasten the final disposition of lawsuits and cheapen their cost to litigants.

The message has a most unusual feature as presidential messages go, in that it gives a detailed report of all the business transacted by the state department. In its entirety it is a document which is well worth any docu department. In its entirety it is a document which is well worth any man's time and attention. There is not much in the way of thunder in it but it is full of sense.

Blythe's idea, as gathered by his extensive tour and it is worthy of credence, as the report of an experienced and painstaking reporter.

In but one thing does Mr. Blythe fall to show his usual discernment—his contrast between the old enthusiasm for Roosevelt and the attitude of reserve and waiting toward Taft. Mr. Blythe and other observers should recall that the Roosevelt enthusiasm was not of sudden

velt enthusiasm was not of sudden birth. There was a two years, almost a three years period of incubation of the Bosewart the Rooseveit enthusiasm before it burst from its shell and it was not until after a considerable period of performance that it became the lusty bird we are accustomed to think of now when we recall it. Taft has been less than a year in office and he has a less than a year in office and he has one stupendous piece of legislation to his credit—or discredit, if you choose to consider it that way—and by the close of the long session of congress, the people should be able to shave as good an idea of the Taft performing ability as they now have of his policies and if the performance pleases as well as the policies, the west will be even more enthusiastically for him than if was for Roosevelt, for the Taft personality is more likable than Rooseveit's and the president good and hard.—Hutchinson News.

Many men received. It was through him mainly that a treaty finally was concluded with the victorious Chil-seace at any price. It was through him mainly that a treaty finally was concluded with the victorious Chil-seace at any price. It was through him mainly that a treaty finally was concluded with the victorious Chil-seace. He was elected provisional president of the country, but his rule was disputed by Gen. Andes Caceres, who headed the party which wished to continue the war. A civil conflict between Iglesias and Caceres resulted, in which Iglesias was defeated. He retired for a time to Europe, but later returned to his estate, which he rarely left thereafter even to attend the sessions of the congress, of which he was sold a member. He was 87 years old when he died.—Buffalo Express.

An Obscure Benefactor.

FROM OTHER PENS

time had whirled backward 60 years to read of a Hungarian crisis of which the chief personages are Francis Joseph and Kossuth. Francis Joseph and Kossuth. Francis Joseph to same with this difference, that whereas in 1849 he was a lad of 19, he is now a tired but brave old man of 78, striving hard to keep two unruly horses abreast. The Kossuth is different, being Francis, the son of the great Kossuth. Francis Kossuth, who until recently has been Hungarian minister of industry and commerce, is 68. He seems to have inherited his father's antipathy to the House of Hapsburg so far as to welcome a controversy with Francis Joseph, and has been long identified which will not set wall will not set wall will necessary the set of the property of the set of the property of

YOU CAN'T LOSE IT. The months take on their toll of days
And change themselves to years;
I watch them go in vast amaze,
But shed no bitter tears;
For I shall never be bereft
Of all they bring to men.
Oh, one familiar thing is left—
The rent is due again!

Oh, jobs may come and jobs may go
And seasons roll away
From summer's shine to winter's snow.
From Christmas time to May:
But there is that the years can't haul
To grim oblivion's den,
It will abide here after all—
The rent is ddue again!
—Chicago News.

estate of 2,400 square miles, which had been in his family since 1574, or within 40 years of the date of the con and a population of about 4,000 persons, over whom Iglesias ruled as absolute lord. He made and enforced their laws, provided for their education and moral welfare, and never had a rebellion. Drunkenness on any day but Easter Sunday was punishable by a fine of \$5. out Easter Sunday was punishable by a fine of \$5. A wife-beater was punished by a \$2 fine. The fines collected largely supported the schools. It was the life of the feudal lords of the Middle Ages brought down into the twentieth century.

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Gen. Iglesias took a prominent part in the government of the country, particularly at the time of the war with Chile. He was secretary of the treasury and of war when hostilities began. He conducted the defense of Lima in so determined a manner as to win high commendation. After the surrender he made his escape and immediately began efforts to secure peace at any price. It was through

JAYHAWKER JOTS

Ways.

The Garden City Telegram recently made an inquiry as to what had become of the old-fashinged husking bec. The Ottawa Herald does not answer the grant of the state of the profession of the state of the st

that fact which inspired and enabled Lister to establish antiseptic surgery. From the reaffirmation of it by Tyndall, and equally by Dallinger, has proceeded our whole system of an-HUNGARY'S HISTORIC PARALLEL

It seems that if the whirligig of time had whirled backward 60 years to read of a Hungarian crisis of which

THE EVENING STORY

Removing Sarah Jane.

(By Lawrence Alfred Clay.) "No, it wouldn't do-it wouldn't do

ing, who was thus solloquizing one afternoon as he sat on a sawlog outside the mill. The deacon was fifty-five years old and his sister, Sarah Jane, had kept house for him since he was left alone.

Sarah Jane Meeks was almost forty. She was tall and gaunt. She had yellow hair. She was cross-eyed and had prominent teeth, and she had never loved. The town feared her tongue, and men turned the corner when they saw her coming. Sarah bossed her brother to an extent. He had to obey. She didn't care whether he went to a circus or to prayer meeting, and she had nothing to say about his politics or the way he ran his sawmill, but there was one thing she wouldn't stand for—his getting married again. She had a good job, and she didn't propose to be ousted by a second wife. econd wife.
It was the widow Johnson whom

the deacon had in mind when he solil-oquized. He was in love with her, and felt that his affections were returned.

see how I'm situated with Sarah Jane. If she was removed I'd have something to say to you mighty quick, but as it is we've got to hang on and wait."

wait."

The widow didn't say much that was consoling in reply, and the deacon went away hating himself for his lack of moral courage. One day he would make up his mind to marry lack of moral courage. One day he would make up his mind to marry and give Sarah Jane the bounce, and the next he would shiver at the way the dishes would be broken and the furniture destroyed. He was a good man, but he found himself wondering why his sister didn't get pneumonia or slip on the doorstep and break her neck. Once the trought of choking her to death and carrying her body away in a bag entered his mind, but he sternly dismissed it. He did, however, scatter rusty nalls and

port a wife," was the reply.

"But if it so happened that you were to fall in love with my dear sister, on the one hand I should hate to lose her, and on the other I should feel it my duty to present you with

—well, say a couple of hundred dol-lars. That is, if you were going to take her off to California at once." "Thanks, but I couldn't do it. I

am selling magic liniment, but am not in the side-show business."
"I might say three hundred."
"It would be useless. I don't want to hurt your feelings, but the place for Sarah Jane is in a dime mu-

The deacon had been turned down,

her that she is giving her love to a worthy man?"
"Of course I can. I've got hundreds
of testimonials in regard to magic
liniment. Make it a hundred and fifty and I'll head for Nebraska."
"And marry Sarah Jane tomor-

'tall. Sarah Jane don't like her, and she'd just raise old Cain about it. I'm old enough to know what I wart, and to run my own business, but Sarah Jane has got ways with her. She might even put poison in my tea if she thought I was going to do it."

It was Deacon Meeks, owner of the sawmill in the village of Plainfield, and a widower of three years' standing, who was thus soliloquizing one afternoon as he sat on a sawlog out
"Widder, Providence has did it:"

"Who—what?"

"Who—what?"
"Sarah Jane has been removed to Nebraskian pastures of usefulness, and now if your affections are the same as my affections, let's get married before she has time to walk back here!"—(Copyright, 1909, by Associated Literary Press.)

HUMOR OF THE DAY

"Your ticket always gets defeated," said the practical politician. "True," answer-ed the serene Prohibitionist. "The coun-try has not yet developed water power."— Washington Star.

"Prisoner at the bar," said the portly, pompous and florid magistrate, "you are charged with stealing a pig, a very serious offense in this district. There has been a great deal of pig stealing, and I shall make an example of you, or none of us will be safe."—London Daily News.

She—I have just discovered that the diamonds in the diadem you gave me last year are false. He—Why, then they just suit your golden har.—Meggendorfer Biaetter.

Blobbs—At the next station we stop ten minutes for refreshments. Slobbs—I wonder why trains stop only ten minutes at railroad eating houses. Blobbs—Prob-ably for humane reasons,—Philadelphia Record.

"How often does your car kill a man?"
"Only once, guv'nor!" replied the

Poet-Did she think my sonnet was good? Friend-She must have. She didn't believe you wrote it.-Kansas City Journal. The Attendant—You musn't handle musical instruments, sir. The Visitor— don't you be afraid—I can't play 'er Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Night Nurse—Has that medicine come that the doctor promised to send? The Day Nurse—Not yet. The Night Nurse—Then I guess the patient will live through the night.—Chicago Tribune.

St. Peter (to applicant)—What was your business when on earth? Applicant—Editor of a newspaper. St. Peter—Big circulation, of course? Applicant—No, small; smallest in the county. St. Peter—Pick out your harp.—Epoch.

"I can say one thing in favor of Mr. Featherly," remarked Mrs. Hendricks, the landlady; "he never takes the last piece of bread on the plate." "No, indeed, Mrs. Hendricks," assented Dumley, cordially, "Featherly ain't quick enough."—Bazar.

GLOBE SIGHTS

[From the Atchison Globa.] We all expect too much help from After all a man hater has more sense than a woman who is man

The deacon had been turned down. Father doesn't care much what he out a new idea had lodged in his gets for Christmas; it is what comes ranium. The way to get rid of his later that he is thinking about.